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THE Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a £495,000 grant for the development of a visitor centre at Thorncombe Wood, close to Thomas Hardy's birthplace cottage at Higher Bockhampton.

The project, which was recently granted planning

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permission, is a joint partnership between Dorset County Council and the National Trust to bring together the cottage and surrounding landscape for the

first time. It will also lead to the development of further trails through the woods.

As well as funding from the HLF, the project has

also received donations from the Garfield Weston Trust, the Fine Family Foundation, the Kinsurby Trust, and the Hardy Society.

The timber-built visitor centre, which will be built on the site of the current

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■ AN ARTIST'S impression of the visitor centre for Thorncombe Woods

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**MILLINER Fiona Neylan creates and sells her own hats.**

After spending time in ecological communities in Fife and Edinburgh she moved down to Bridport in 1997 where she lives to this day with her husband, two daughters and two long-haired cats. Past professions have seen Fiona teach at the Edinburgh Steiner School, and hold art and nature workshops for children.

Now 46, she has been making hats for five years.

● **WHAT made you take an interest in hat making?**

My love for hats started when I was a child, as my grandmother was a milliner. She made dressing-up hats for my sister, my cousin and myself on a few occasions. We received first prize in a fete for dressing up as flower girls and wore beautiful big straw hats covered in flowers! My mother and my aunt worked with my grandmother in her hat shop and introduced me to quality women's clothing as well as hats.

I often visited the shop and went to look at and try on the hats, and to see my grandma who was often busy making hats in her workshop at the back. In the holidays, when I was old enough, I used to help out in the shop and help customers find something special or unique, and that's where I learned a lot about hats and fashion.

However, when I left school I travelled, studied art and taught arts and crafts. I left hats and fashion behind.

Years later my mother retired from her shop and hat business, and a box of beautiful vintage hats had been left to be sold off. They were the original milliner's "hoods" before they are blocked, steamed and shaped into a proper hat. I became curious about what you do with these hoods so I decided to go on a millinery course. Since then I have gradually grown my hat business, making individually styled hats from wool and fur felt, cashmere and angora, and various straws. I make a variety of styles, some for every-day and some occasion wear. I make cloche and trilby and upturned brims, along with cocktail hats, and warm winter wools and faux fur. I also do some commissions.

● **WHAT is the worst thing about making a hat?**

The worst thing is putting the hat-band inside the hat, as it is a bit tedious, but I am quite quick at it now. The second worst thing is putting in the hat wire, which helps to keep the shape of the hat.

● **WHAT'S the fanciest or strangest hat you have ever made?**

The fanciest and strangest hat I have ever made is prob-



ably my "Birdsong" hat which I entered into this year's Bridport Hat Festival competition. It was in the top 10. It was a cocktail hat with a handmade wool-felt bird on top that sang a birdsong, and was decorated with flowers made from felt, fur felt and silk organza, glass beads and feathers.

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● **DO you lament the passing of the great era of hats?**

I think hats are coming back into fashion and there are more people wearing headwear than there were 15 years ago. However, people don't tend to wear fancy hats as often as they used to as in our grandparents' day. But there is a revival of hat wearing which ties in nicely with the vintage and retro revival that we are seeing now.

● **WHAT do you think of the extraordinary hats you see at Lady's Day at Ascot?**

It's great to see women wearing all sorts of hats at Ladies Day, Ascot, and it's a real excuse to dress up and be over the top if you want to. The more unusual or extraordinary, the better.

● **IF you could design a hat for anyone in the world who would you choose?**

It would probably have to be for Kate Middleton, as she is setting trends for hat lovers.

● **WHERE can people buy your hats?**

I sometimes have a hat stall at St Michael's Trading Estate in Bridport at the vintage markets. However, sometimes the weather is against me so this winter I have a selection of my hats in Kim and David's "Pop Upstairs Shop" on St Michael's Estate, open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and also Sunday, December 16th. I also have some of my hats and scarfs at Stella's pop-up shop at New House Farm, Broadoak, Bridport (open daily 11-3pm until Friday 21st Dec). And I will have some hats at The Pomme D'Or in Barrack St, Bridport.

● **WHO would play you in the movie of your life?**

I would choose Nicole Kidman to play me in the movie of my life - she was fabulous in the film "Cold Mountain."

● **WHAT objects do you always carry with you?**

A hat and lipstick.

● **WHAT is the last book you read?**

I just re-read "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini, and it is a brilliant read based on a true story in Afghanistan.

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## Car parking charges likely to be frozen for 12 months

CAR parking charges across West Dorset are likely to be frozen for a further 12 months.

District councillors met this week to approve a recommendation to consult with town councils, chambers of commerce and Dorchester BID on the plan to keep charges at the current level for another year.

But council officers are also recommending ending a 3-8 day parking permit scheme.

Officers say the proposals for no change in charges with the continuation of free parking on Sundays and after 6pm, will support the local economy by encouraging short stay visitors into West Dorset town centres.

They say the permit effectively undermines the pricing strategy by providing even further discounts on already competitive rates.

The district council has now frozen short stay parking charges for the last seven years.

West Dorset District Council

Parking Manager Chris Graves said: "The district council has a good track record in recent years of supporting town centres by freezing already low parking charges to encourage greater use of short stay spaces.

"The report ... is recommending that we consult with town

councils and local business about the freeze and get their views about the 3 -8 day permit."

If the move to consult is approved by councillors, as expected, a further report with recommendations about parking charges will go to the Executive Committee next year.

## IT'S A CRACKER!

RAIN failed to mar Dorchester's Christmas Cracker event and crowds flocked to the town centre, despite the drizzle.

Weymouth panto star Andy Abraham set the event underway with the official lights switch on with music from choir Come Together and a few festive words from town crier Alistair Chisholm.

Street stalls, music and fairground-style rides entertained youngsters while many parents took advantage of the majority of stores which not only stayed open late but found special offers to tempt Christmas shoppers.

Others were simply happy to enjoy wandering in High West Street without any traffic and to



■ ANDY Abraham

sample the offerings of local pubs and restaurants – which also afforded the chance to get out of the rain.

For those happy to eat outdoors there was a variety of street food on offer – from hog roast to chestnuts and mulled wine.

The Chamber of Commerce were delighted with the number of stalls and local shops who entered into the spirit of the evening as was mayor Andy Canning who said he was amazed that so many people had braved the rain to join in the fun.

The best-dress Christmas display was judged to be The Horse with the Red Umbrella where owner John Fiori and staff had dressed as characters from Quality Street.



■ CRACKER sideshows were popular with young and old



■ DORCHESTER CRACKER was popular with shoppers despite the rain



■ CHILDREN made the most of the funfair rides

## Man tries to snatch bag

POLICE in Dorchester are appealing for witnesses after a man in his 50s tried to snatch a bag of newspapers from a 15-year-old paperboy.

The incident happened at around 7am on Sunday, December 1st near Hangman's Cottage on Glyde Path Road.

The victim, a 15-year-old boy from Dorchester, was pushing his bicycle when he was approached from behind by an unknown man who demanded his paper bag and tried to pull it off his shoulder.

The victim was able to grab his bag and run to safety without suffering any injuries.

Police Constable Gillian Clegg, of Dorchester police, said: "The suspect is described as a white man, aged in his fifties and of slim build with a grey beard.

"He was wearing a black woollen hat, a black jacket and black leather gloves.

"The incident was extremely distressing for the victim and I am keen to identify the offender as soon as possible."

Anyone with information is asked to ring the police on quoting incident number 1:148. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

## Speed volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS are needed to operate speed traps through the village of Frampton, near Dorchester.

The move comes after parish councillors became concerned about the speed of some drivers through the village.

Drivers caught over the limit will have their numbers taken and may be written to by the police – although those caught by the volunteers are not able to be stopped and will not be prosecuted. That will remain a job for the police.

The parish council is now hoping to recruit an administrator and team of around six people to operate the scheme. They will be trained by the police and equipped with hand-held speed 'guns', initially for four months.

## Methodist farewell

A FINAL thanksgiving service has been held at the The Fordington Methodist church in Dorchester.

Former ministers were amongst those who took part in the last service at the building which was originally opened in November 1887 and at one time had an active Sunday School with 230 pupils.

## Lottery funds for Hardy woodland legacy centre

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rangers' building, will introduce visitors with information about Thomas Hardy and the nearby landscape which influenced his work.

It will feature space for school and community groups to use as well as a small catering area with toilets and some retail space.

The project will also involve setting up more interactive activities and events to help visitors

learn about Thomas Hardy's life and work, as well as the conservation operations needed to look after the area.

"Our aim has been to share the place and land that Thomas Hardy loved and drew inspiration from. The development will also mean that more facilities will be available for visitors to the site.

"Thomas Hardy had such a strong link to the place he lived and the landscapes that inspired

him. We would like to use the project to help people learn more about Thomas Hardy and his writing, and relate it to the surrounding landscape," said county council spokesman Robert Gould.

Helen Sharp, the National Trust fund raising manager, said: "We are really grateful for the support of Heritage Lottery Fund for this project. Thomas Hardy is a well respected literary figure around the world and

through this we can improve the way visitors to Hardy's Birthplace understand him, his works and especially how his beloved Dorset influenced him throughout his life."

Richard Bellamy, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund South West, said:

"Far from the Madding Crowd and Tess of the d'Urbervilles are among the most famous works by literary great, Thomas Hardy, and have been inspiring aspiring authors

and book-lovers across the world for many years. This project to improve visitor facilities will help to bring together his birthplace and the surrounding picturesque landscape for the first time helping people to better understand how his Dorset roots influenced his achievements.

"HLF are sure that the new facilities will help Hardy's legacy live on well into the future."

Work is planned to start in September 2013 and for

the new visitor centre to open by Easter 2014.

The organisations will be increasing the number of volunteer opportunities available at Hardy's birthplace. For more information, contact either Lawrence Weston, project officer, on 01305 251228 or l.weston@dorsetcc.gov.uk, or Jennifer Davis by email at jennifer.davis@nationaltrust.org.uk

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**PETER COX**  
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Health & happiness  
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## REBECCA COX

Happy Birthday 'Becky'  
on 14th December  
Health & Happiness always  
Love Gran & Grandad x x x

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## ANDY HUSSEY

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**JAMES HUXTER**  
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## 'Challenging' task for new police commissioner

DORSET'S police and crime commissioner Martyn Underhill, has met the Home Secretary, Theresa May at the Home Office.

He and other newly elected Police and Crime Commissioners had the chance to question Mrs May over funding, the precept and the wider criminal justice system. She agreed that the timescales for the PCC's to achieve new Policing Plans and budgets by early February was a "challenging task".

Mr Underhill commented "It was good to meet the other Commissioners and identify some generic issues that we all face."

Most of the Commissioners then visited the House of Lords to hear a presentation on the Independent Police Complaints Commission from its chair Dame Anne Owners.

In Dorset Mr Underhill is now facing the task of recruiting a new Chief Constable for the county - a post which carries a salary of more than



**MARTYN Underhill**

£146,000 plus a generous pension allowance and a lease car.

The deadline for applications is December 20th with Deputy Chief Constable Debbie Simpson carrying on until the New Year when a permanent appointment will be made.

Previous Chief Constable Martin Baker retired in September after eight years in the top job.

● IN a separate statement Mr Underhill, said he was "surprised" by the level of complaints that had arrived at his office since he took over - some of them dating back years.

His office is getting around 300 messages a day, the same number the old police authority used to get over the course of a year. But Mr Underhill says they are not all complaints, many are simply offering support and wishing him well with the new post.

Mr Underhill, a former police officer, has pledged to restart recruitment of volunteer Special Constables to increase the visibility of the force and will also set up community and victims' forums for the public to raise issues over policing.

He has recently interviewed for a £40,000 a year media and communications manager and a £30,000 a year community engagement officer.

Both postholders are expected to start duties in the New Year.

## Funding to help the vulnerable keep warm

A PARTNERSHIP of councils from across Dorset has won funding for work to help vulnerable people keep warm, safe and well this winter.

The £320,000, awarded by the Department of Health, will help run schemes aimed at preventing people needing to go to hospital during the winter months.

Every winter about around 500 winter deaths are potentially avoidable across Dorset.

Keep Warm, Keep Well, Keep Safe projects will help vulnerable people

keep warm by offering help with insulating and heating their homes. "Winter Watchers" good neighbour groups will also be set up, and vulnerable people offered the opportunity to take part in social and leisure activities; and keep safe by taking advantage of home safety checks and emergency provisions packs.

Chris McCall from Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "We do see more emergency admissions to hospital over the winter months due to the cold, and for our older residents this can be very seri-

ous. We have been working with patients over the past months to understand their concerns about winter and it comes down to affordability."

Local councils, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, and the NHS will be working with partners Age UK Dorchester, Dorset Community Foundation, and Dorset Energy Advice Centre to help the most vulnerable prepare for and prevent the avoidable effects of winter and severe weather.

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# Meeting hears of increasing threats to the rural landscape

THE DORSET group which campaigns to protect rural areas has heard of the increasing threat from windfarms, council policy and government legislation.

Campaign to Protect Rural England chairman Richard Nicholls told the branch annual meeting that the organisation had been increasingly drawn into the political arena in its attempt to protect the countryside.

He said that organisation had opposed the Dorset Renewable Energy Strategy, drawn up by local councils, because it suggested that Dorset could take up to 360 industrial wind turbines.

Under the policy most of these would be in the more beautiful parts of the county – West Dorset, North Dorset and Purbeck.

Mr Nicholls said CPRE had been told that the document would not be treated as a statutory policy – yet at public inquiries into windfarms at Alaska Farm in the Purbeck and at Siltown in North Dorset, the inspector had taken the document into account.

He said he was angry that the document's authors had promised to include landscape assessment – but had failed to do so.

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Objectors, including CPRE, won the Siltown windfarm appeal, but lost at Alaska.

Mr Nicholls said the organisation was now preparing itself to oppose plans for ten industrial-scale wind turbines on a site between Tolpuddle, Puddletown and Milborne St Andrew.

He said he worried about the apparent lack of democratic accountability from many local councillors who ignored local opinion and voted on party lines, and was equally worried by the power of groups such as the Local Enterprise Partnership who were given millions of pounds of public money, yet were not accountable to the taxpayers whose money they were spending.

Mr Nicholls told the meeting, at Cerne Abbas village hall, that despite concerns by many voluntary organisations CPRE Dorset remained one of the biggest CPRE branches in the country and was financially secure.

Looking back over the year he said the branch had held its most



■ GUEST SPEAKER: Kate Adie tells the audience that how we protect and care for our surroundings are an indicator of a civilised society

successful seminar ever, attracting local councillors and its own member to explore Neighbourhood Planning, Localism and changes to planning law.

He said the year ahead looked likely to be dominated by wind turbine applications, large-scale

solar panel 'farms', threats to the Green Belt and protections for Dorset's market towns.

Guest speaker at the meeting was broadcaster and author Kate Adie who related some of her experiences as a war correspondent

for the BBC, but also added her voice to the CPRE-backed Dorset Campaign Against Litter.

She told her audience that how we protect and care for our surroundings are an indicator of a civilised society.

## Changes to charges on developers to fund community projects

RESIDENTS and businesses are being asked by West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council to share their views on the new proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The levy is effectively a charge on developers with the money being put into a local fund which can then be used for projects to benefit the community.

What the fund is spent on can vary according to local needs – it may include new or safer road schemes, public transport, flood defences, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities, park improvements, green spaces and leisure centres.

The levy is considered by the Government to be a fairer and more transparent system of collecting payments from developers and will be possibly introduced in early 2014. It will replace what was previously known as Section 106 Agreements.

Comments on the changes should be submitted by December 20th.

The charging schedule and other information about the Community Infrastructure Levy can be viewed online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/communityinfrastructurelevy/west/weymouth](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/communityinfrastructurelevy/west/weymouth).

Copies of the draft schedule are available for inspection at the council offices in Dorchester and Weymouth between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Thursday or 8.30 to 4.30 Fridays, and also at local libraries.

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# Lighting up lives in Dorchester



■ MAYOR Andy Canning lights up the Weldmar Hospicecare tree

HUNDREDS of people took part in the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust annual 'Light up a Life' tree ceremony last week.

Mayor Andy Canning lit the giant tree, decorated with hundreds of lights, after praising staff at the Dorchester hospice and leading a round of applause for their care and dedication.

Many who attended the service had come to remember loved ones who had died after receiving care from the Dorchester and Weymouth hospices and their outreach staff.

They were remembered in prayers led by the Reverend Sally Bedborough and in words of introduction by hospice trust chairman Dr Geoffrey Guy.

The Duchy's estate director in Dorchester, Simon Conibear, read from St Luke's Gospel as part of the service with another reading, also from St Luke's, by hospice assistant director David Morton.

Music for the event was provided by the Weymouth Concert Brass, the Encore Singers and Moreton Church Choir and staff

and students from Kingston Maurward College with Weldmar chief executive Alison Ryan giving the farewell address at the end of the event.

The charity will prepare a 2012 Book of Remembrance in the New Year which will be available in the chapels at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester and at the Trimar Hospice in Weymouth by the end of January next year.



■ CAROL singers at the Weldmar tree ceremony



St George's tree festival

DOZENS of Christmas Trees lit up St George's Church, Dorchester at the weekend.

The annual Christmas Tree Festival, now in its fourth year, attracted 26 groups and families to bring their own decorated tree on the theme of "What we love about Christmas".

Over the weekend, starting with the Friday evening carol service on Fordington Green, hundreds of people came to see the trees – which were blessed at the Sunday morning service.

Drinks and home-made cakes for sale in the Christmas Café at the church added to the donations collected for church funds.

■ GERALDINE Moxham (left) and Anne Arnold put the finishing touches to the Munch Bunch Lunch Club tree. Youngsters from the fortnightly lunch club at Manor Park First School had made the decorations for the tree

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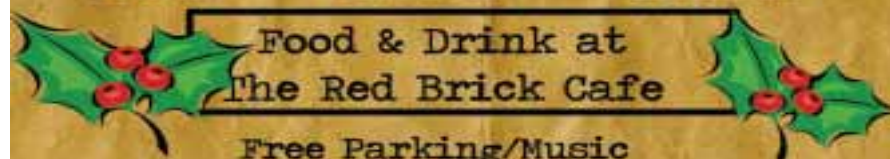
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# Don't miss last Scout post

NEXT Wednesday will be the last chance for using Dorchester's Scout Post in the county town and surrounding villages.

The service, in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation, will be making final collections from the distinctive yellow boxes at 1pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Last year volunteers in and around Dorchester handled around 34,500 cards and collected £6,200 in donations. Over the years the service has been running volunteers have raised almost £89,000 for Scout and other charities.

The collection and deliveries are organised by a team of volunteers from the

Dorchester and District Scout Council, adult supporters who raise money and offer practical help to local Scout groups.

This year people are being asked to make a minimum donation of 25p per card, leaving the money in the collection box.

The annual Christmas post is the Scout Council's biggest fund-raiser of the year, but the organisation also stages a big band concert (on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013) and bingo sessions.

Funds raised meet the running costs of Scout groups in the district, sending young people to international camps, run-

ning a range of activities, buying equipment and maintaining the district headquarters at Little Britain in Dorchester.

In Dorchester Scout Post boxes can be found in the town centre at the Tourist Information Centre, Oxfam in South Street, Nicholl World Travel in High East Street at Robert Dyas in South Street. Elsewhere in the town they can be found at OneStop, Fordington Cross; Fielding and Cumber vets in Mellstock Avenue; Londis in Monmouth Road; Aquila Heights Guest House in Maiden Castle Road; Victoria Park Pharmacy in Maud Road; Poundbury Village Stores; Stitchinghouse Design, Pummery Square,

Poundbury and Poundbury Garden Centre.

Villages covered by the service – Ash Hill, Bradford Peverell, Broadmayne, Burton, Came, Charlton Down, Charminster, Cokers Frome, Crossways, Dewlish, Forston, Frome Whitfield, Galton, Herringston, Hurst, Lewell, Littlemayne, Martinstown, Milborne St Andrew, Moigne Coombe, Monkton, Moreton, Owermoigne, Pallington, Poundbury, Rew, Stratton, Tincleton, Waddock, Warmwell, West Knighton, West Stafford, Whitcombe, Wolfeton, Woodsford and Wrackleford.

## Lions generous support for hospice trust

DORCHESTER Lions have presented the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust with a cheque for £500.

The money, part of the proceeds from the annual fun run, was presented to Caroline Nickinson, from Weldmar, at a ceremony in the Colyton Club.

Derrick Buswell, who was Lions President at the time of the run, made the presentation.

Mrs Nickinson thanked the Lions for their generosity and fundraising efforts and assured members that the money would be put to good use caring for people at their time of need.

She went on to make the draw for three teams who will get extra charitable donations from another Lions event, the Swimathon.

Those who paid in over £100 within the time limit were entered into a draw for extra donations.

The winning teams were – Henry Ling One who receive and extra £100; Beached Whales YMCA who get £50 and Fast Flippers ( Warriors) who will receive £25.

■ CAROLINE NICKINSON from the Weldmar Hospice receives a £500 cheque for the charity presented by Lion Derrick Buswell



## Community carols

CAROL singing comes to Dorchester's Borough Gardens next Thursday, December 20th with the Durnovaria Silver Band and Encore Singers. The free event starts at 6.30pm at the Bandstand and will see Father Christmas and Dorchester Mayor, Andy Canning, take part in the event.

## Christingle

THE Children's Society is planning a Christingle Services at St Mary's on Christmas Eve at 4pm and on the same day at St Andrew's Church, West Stafford at 4.30pm.

## Trees calendar

THE 2013 Calendar Trees for Dorset calendar is now available at £5.50 or £6.50 if ordered by post. Contact Tony Warne, 19 Dorchester Rd., Frampton, Dorchester, DT2 9ND or other committee member.

## Friday market

ST MARTIN'S Community Hall at Broadmayne is hosting a market this Friday to help raise funds for improvements to the building.

It will be open on Friday, December 14th from 2 - 3.30pm and will include a raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local sausages, lamb and eggs, local watercress, plants from a local nursery, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

## St Peter's carols

ST PETER'S Church in Dorchester will be holding a service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 23rd at 6.30pm.

Other Christmas services include a Midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve and a Christmas Day Eucharist on Christmas Day at 10am with the Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Reverend Graham Kings.

## Christmas coffee

PIDDLERENTHIDE Memorial Hall will hold a Christmas Coffee morning with mince pies on Friday 14th between 10.30am and noon. Bingo, bring and buy sale and a raffle are planned.

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## Family activities

A "MAKE and Do Family Activity" for the Christmas Holidays is being held at the Dorset County Museum next Wednesday, December 19th.

The event, which costs £3 per child, will be happening between 10.30am and noon.

Adults will be admitted free but must remain with their children during the activity. Up to two children per adult.

The session can be booked by calling 01305 756827, by email on [shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org](mailto:shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org) or calling in to the Museum in High West Street, Dorchester.

## More tea vicar?

AN AFTERNOON entertainment under the title "More Tea Vicar" is being held at St George's Hall this Sunday afternoon.

The event, which includes a Christmas Cream Tea, will be held from 2.30 to 5.30pm with the £3.50 entrance fee to include the cost of the entertainment and the tea.

Profits from the event will go towards the town's Food Bank and The Hub.

The entertainment will be provided by the YP@D group – Young People at Dorchester, a youth group connected to local churches.

## Schools' concert

PUPILS FROM schools throughout the Dorchester area will be taking part in a Christmas concert at Thomas Hardy School.

The event, on Thursday 18th, starts at 6pm in the Theatre with music from the First Schools Orchestra, the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership Flute choir, the Middle Schools Brass group and the Thomas Hardy Orchestra.

After a 7 to 7.30pm break for mulled wine and mince pies the event continues with music from the Middle Schools Orchestra, Uke Troupe, the Harmony Group, DASP Rock School and the DASP Jazz Group as well as the Thomas Hardy Orchestra.

The event is free but tickets are needed, by calling 01305 259721, and there will be a retiring collection for group funds.

# Reclaiming the night for women

A "RECLAIM the night" women-only event in Dorchester has raised over £200 for children in the women's refuge.

The evening, organised by Women's Action Network Dorset (WAND), was held to highlight the international 'End Violence Against Women' day.

It began at Dorchester Town Hall with a drumming workshop with 'Organic Rhythm' and once warmed up with some samba rhythms, participants took to the streets, despite the rain, with drums beating out a shared song to 'reclaim the streets'.

"We had a great response from those brave locals who were also out in the rain and had people joining in and dancing as well as waving us on."

"Then we went back to the town hall where we had a shared supper and held an auction to raise money for children living in the West Dorset Refuge this Christmas," said Community Development Officer, Emma Scott.

Auction prizes were donated by local business, with the sale raising over £200 which will be used for the children living in the refuge this Christmas to go to the pantomime and give them a bit of money to buy a present for their mum.

● Women who are suffering domestic violence can call the West Dorset Refuge helpline which is staffed 24 hours a day on 01305 262444 or contact the countywide outreach service – Youfirst on 0800 0325204.



■ GODFREY BAKER, Peter Foster, Heather Foster and Jim Boudreau (seated) with Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust members.  
Photograph by MICHEL HOOPER-IMMINS

MEMBERS of the Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust have held their 250th meeting.

The group celebrated the occasion with a group photograph when they met at the Colliton Club for a talk on "Steam through the four seasons."

They were formed in January 1987 when 18 railway enthusiasts arrived at Peter and Heather Foster's home in Dorchester to watch some railway films. A quarter-century later the group now meets at the Colliton Club in Dorchester, on the last Friday of the month- except in December and August.

"I am thankful for the loyal support of our members," says Peter Foster.

"We hope to go on for another 25 years, showing programmes which remember the old Somerset & Dorset Railway which closed in 1966, as well as depicting the wider railway scene in the UK and overseas."

Further information is available from Peter and Heather Foster on 01305 262121.

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## Sleigh bells ring...

FATHER Christmas and his sleigh continues his tour of Dorchester this week – with the help of the town's Casterbridge Rotary Club. The sleigh, with its own carols, will be in the following locations over the coming days - Friday 14th, Fordington Fields; Monday 17th, Victoria Park; Wednesday 19th, Queens Avenue; Thursday 20th, Poundbury; Friday 21st, Castle Park.

Donations collected during the tour will be donated to local charities.

● SANTA will be touring Crossways from 5pm on Saturday, December 15th with a collection being taken for the family charity Home Start West Dorset.

● A CHRISTMAS supper dance is being held at Frampton Village Hall this Friday, December 14th.

The band Rapport will be providing the music with a help yourself hot and cold buffet.

Tickets for the event, which starts at 7.30pm, are available from Frampton Garage or Long Ash Service Station and cost £15 per person.

On Saturday 15th, youngsters take over the hall for the annual Christmas Party from 2 until 4pm. The event is open to all village children under the age of ten.

● PUPILS, staff and families from St Osmund's Middle School will virtually take over St Mary's Church in Edward Road next week.

A series of school carol services are planned for the Edward Road church throughout Thursday, December 20th with a service for families and friend at 6pm.

● A NEW Christmas event is being held in Frampton in the coming week.

Carol singing around the tree at Frampton House will be followed by a supper with the event raising money for the village church building fund.

The evening starts at 7pm on Tuesday 18th with tickets £10 for adults, £5 for children. Ticket can be booked by calling 320776 or 320029.

## Best of the best in floristry

ANNIE BLACKMAN, a floristry student at Kingston Maurward College, has won the gold medal at the national finals of the WorldSkills UK Floristry Competition.

She competed against florists from all over the UK at The Skills Show and was hailed the winner in the intermediate category and named 'the best of the best' in floristry in the UK.

The competition provided an opportunity for Annie to demonstrate her creative and technical skills in a variety of tasks including Christmas Door Wreath, Bridal Headdress, Floor Standing Arrangement, Table Arrangement and a surprise item based upon this year's theme 'Winter Wonderland Wedding'.

Course tutor Tracey Nadin said: "We are so proud of Annie, she did amazingly well. Her ability to stay calm and focus on the competition really shone through, as well as using her technical skills and commercial knowledge to produce stunning floral designs."

The British Florist Association in



● **WORLD-beating florist Annie Blackman from Kingston Maurward College**

partnership with The National Apprenticeship Service WorldSkills UK Competitions run annually reward talent and drive up levels of expertise in apprenticeships, skills and further education.

Jaine Bolton, National Apprenticeship Service Chief Operating Officer, said: "I offer my congratulations to Annie. She has demonstrated her skill to the highest level. 'Entering WorldSkills UK Competitions really does have a tremendous effect on competitors and their employers alike. Past winners have gone on to secure promotions, launch their own businesses and represent their country in their chosen skill. We really want to see more people entering competitions to prove to the whole of the UK just how many talented people we have in this country."

## Swopping reindeer for quads!

DURING preparations for this year's Santa's Grotto at Kingston Maurward Gardens and Animal Park, Santa and his elves popped in to check on proceedings.

Santa's Reindeer had the day off and instead the elves pulled the sleigh Kingston Maurward style with its own fleet of quad bikes!

Santa and his elves will be receiving visitors this weekend, on December 8th and 9th between 12pm and 4pm. Entry to the Animal Park is £5 for adults and children under 16 are free – admission to Santa's Grotto is £3 per child and is suitable for children up to ten years old.



## Two chamber awards for jewellers

JEWELLER Allum & Sidaway have won two awards at Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry ceremony.

The company, which has outlets in Dorchester, Gillingham, Shaftsbury, Salisbury and Ringwood, won the Family Business of the Year award and the Retail Excellence award.

The sponsors of the awards praised Allum & Sidaway on its skilled staff, outstanding customer service, continued

expansion with demonstrably positive growth and results, and the focus on its mission statement "to inspire customers and exceed all expectations".

The family firm is now in its 70th year in business.

Managing director Jason Allum said: "This evening has been the climax on what has been an extraordinary year for us and to be honoured for our achievements amongst all the other very worthy finalists and

winners is a very proud moment for us.

"I can't thank enough the sponsors and the Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their belief and support and to hold this event celebrating the successful businesses of Dorset.

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We have many ideal Christmas presents, we sell pretty manicure sets, toiletry sets, wash bags, towels, wash mitts, flannels and delightful floral Cath Kidston dressing gowns.

The humble mug is always an acceptable present as we all do break one from time to time. We have an extensive range of unusual British designer bone china mugs, the merry snowman design is such fun and of course we stock the full Cath Kidston range. This winter we have extended our range of Cath Kidston bed linen as requested by customers.

We have a wonderful selection of top fashion gloves to choose from, everything from funky knitted fingerless gloves to elegant high quality leather gloves in all

colours, we even stock the beautiful leather gloves Kate Middleton wears! We also have a fabulous selection of scaves from top fashion knits to intricate designs in quality cashmere and glittering throws for that special Christmas party.

For Christmas why not treat your family and friends to a table dressed with wonderful old Silver Plate candlesticks, teapots or cream jugs, the glint and gleam of these vintage heirloom items will transform the day into something memorable and special. Such heirloom items can be brought out year after year to give Christmas that "Downton Abbey" feel.

This year we have extended our range of Christmas decorations and have a wide variety from cute knitted snowmen to some very sophisticated baubles and chunky vintage look cowbells.

Upstairs we have an exhibition of the winter range of prints from our resident artist Ronnie Creswell, Ronnie is a local artist and has produced a "Touch of Vintage" range of prints especially for our shop.

We have built our high reputation on customer care and constantly offering new ranges of designer stock in our bright friendly and very pretty shop. We hear time and again how much people love our shop and find the shopping experience enjoyable and how they look forward to coming back every time they visit Lyme Regis.

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# Last Minute Christmas Shopping

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There are new designs in the Italian marquetry frames and new this year in the shop vintage designs on the covered journals and notebooks handmade by German bookbinders. There are also sketchbooks and photograph albums from the same company expected at the end of the week.

Also just in are beautiful new designs in cotton nightdresses and kimonos handprinted in India. There are also new designs in men's cotton kurtas which make perfect night-shirts as well as cotton

handwoven shirts and woollen and cotton waistcoats.

There are many colours and designs in the lovely cotton quilts, duvet covers and lots of bedspreads and vintage gudri quilts.

There is also a large selection of woollen scarves and shawls, silver jewellery and Vietnamese horn and bone bangles.

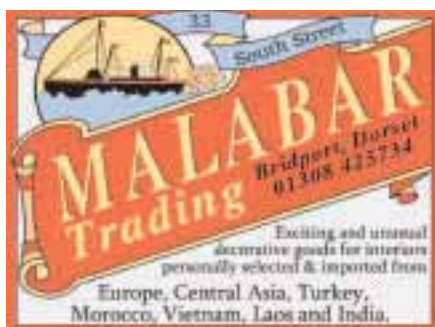
A new shipment of hand embroidered suzani cushion covers have just arrived, and there are many small suzani wallhangings which make a wonderful gift.

Many of the Christmas decorations are fair trade. The Zardozi decorations are hand made in Lucknow and the paper mache is handpainted in Kashmir.

Many of the goods in Malabar Trading are made for the shop and are not available anywhere else. All are individually sourced and ethically made. All are chosen to bring beauty and quality to everyday life.



■ Detail of a hand embroidered suzani



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**THE** HENLEY Carriage Clock, the only carriage clock made in England, is being handmade in Bridport at Battens Jewellers. Richard Batten who opened his first shop in Bridport in 1974, is well-known for being a clock repairer and restorer as well as a traditional jeweller. In 2011 Richard set up his company English Carriage Clocks and started making the famous HENLEY carriage clock; a clock he had sold in his shop for many years when it was made in Henley by Roger Field, the founder and producer. When Roger Field retired, some 20 years ago, production of these famous clocks

stopped too. Rather than see the famous HENLEY Carriage Clock disappear completely, Richard decided to re-establish his friend's business. All the original tooling, press tools, gear cutting engines and many components were shipped from Roger Field's home in Henley to their new home in Bridport, Dorset.

The English Carriage Clock Company is now making three variants – Henley Anglaise, Henley Obis and Henley Ovale. Since starting to produce these handcrafted time pieces Richard has received some significant orders including producing carriage clocks for the Buckingham Palace Shop and more recently for the

Diamond Jubilee.

Although the clocks are normally made to order, to give the people of Bridport and surrounding areas an opportunity to treat themselves, to buy as a gift or just to admire, three

Henley clocks have been made especially to sell for Christmas. They will be on display in Battens Jewellers' shop window, South Street, Bridport, during December.



## Breeze

**AS** always this year Breeze is an Aladdin's cave of Christmas ideas at surprisingly affordable prices.

As well as a great range of silver jewellery, new this year are some unusual watches with handcrafted straps in leather and semi precious stones from Australia, and ceramic and glass bead necklaces from India. There are warm and woolly scarves, snoods and ponchos for the winter weather, and lightweight knit ponchos in gorgeous colours from Gringo – great for the Christmas party or a winter holiday. For the house there are mirrors, mugs and glassware, and beautifully designed driftwood sculptures and lamps made from wood collected from local beaches.

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## Two trustees required for Dorchester Arts

Dorchester ARTS is seeking two new members for its Board of Management/Trustees.

The organisation is funded by Arts Council England South West, West Dorset District Council and Dorchester Town Council to provide both performing and visual arts for the people of Dorchester and the surrounding area.

The Board is responsible for guiding the organisation, supporting its creative vision, overseeing operational activity and ensuring Dorchester ARTS continues to fulfil its statutory obligations with regard to its position as a Company Limited by Guarantee, a Registered Charity and a publicly funded organisation.

The Board is particularly interested in attracting potential members who have expertise in the fields of business, financial matters, and fundraising. Experience of previous Board membership is not essential, as a full induction process will be offered to new members.

Meetings are held every two months with occasional special meetings or sub-group meetings.

If you are interested in applying please send a covering letter explaining why you are interested and a CV to Louise Sheaves, c/o Dorchester ARTS, School Lane, The Grove, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XR or send via email to [louise.sheaves@btinternet.com](mailto:louise.sheaves@btinternet.com). The closing date for applications is December 21st.

## Arts film award

DORCHESTER Arts' Olympic film, *The Helpful Dead*, has won the Best Film by primary age children at the Electric December 2012 awards in Bristol.

Four of the team from Wyke Regis Junior school who made the three minute animation were at Bristol's Watershed to receive the award and a bag of goodies from sponsor Aardman Animation.

# Mummers' play at Hardy's home

A TRADITIONAL mummers' play will be performed at Thomas Hardy's Max Gate home this weekend.

The New Hardy Players will be staging the performance at 2.45pm on Saturday 15th, followed by Giles Winterbourne's Christmas Party from *The Woodlanders* at 3.45 pm.

Local writer and playwright, Peter John Cooper, says that the mummers' play is a tradition that is still seen in many Dorset villages at Christmas and owes much to the description that Thomas Hardy gives in *The Return of the Native*.

Mr Cooper uses this as a climax in his play *She Opened the Door*, in which Hardy's first wife Emma, his mother Jemima, the Honourable Florence Heniker and the Maid come to blows over a version of the mummers' play that they have to act out.

"The tradition of the mummers' play with its story of the death of Saint George and resuscitation by a quack doctor is, like all the best traditions, lost in the mists of time but Hardy in his novel was referring to the revivals during the agricultural depressions of the 19th century when plough boys were able to earn a few extra coppers for Christmas.

"For us, the mummers' play with its characters of St George, the Bold Slasher and Father Christmas is a piece of knock-about fun to enjoy whether we know about the tradition or not."

*She Opened the Door: the Wife and Women who Haunted Thomas Hardy* combines the complete script of Peter's play with his research, thoughts and inspiration. Published by Roving Press, the book is on sale locally.



■ A SCENE from Peter's John Cooper's play 'She Opened the Door' with actors enacting the mummers' play scene from Thomas Hardy



■ MUSEUM curator Tim Batty with the miniature mummy

## Poignant relic of a young king

A NEW exhibit has gone on display at Dorchester's Tutankhamun Museum.

A replica Mummy has been commissioned by the museum to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the entry into the Tomb of Tutankhamun in November 1922.

"Can you see anything? Yes, wonderful things". With these words Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered the tomb of Tutankhamun for the first time on November 26th, 1922.

To commemorate this discovery a specially commissioned replica of the ritually mummified premature foetus of one of Tutankhamun's daughters, together with its miniature gilt coffin has gone on display. This mummy was discovered in an inner chamber of the tomb along with the mummy of another premature child. Both children are thought to be the only progeny of Tutankhamun and his wife Ankhesenamun.

The tiny mummies were examined by the anatomist in 1932 but have been missing for many years. They have only recently been discovered in a cupboard in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

The special exhibit at the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester is the first one of its kind. The little mummy was examined by Dr Derry in 1932. The replica shows it as it was discovered, fully bandaged. Tutankhamun's children are not yet on display in Egypt.

Speaking at the exhibition in Dorchester, Tim Batty, the curator said: "This is little coffin and mummy is a beautiful, personal and poignant relic of the young king Tutankhamun, who himself died at the age of 19."

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## Chef's mince pies

DORCHESTER chef Russell Brown from Sienna Restaurant is taking part in this year's charity Mince Pie Project.

He and other well-known chefs, including Michel Roux Jnr and Raymond Blanc, are making mince pies to be auctioned for charity.

Each will cook a unique batch of 50 mince pies to be sold online in a 72 hour auction, from mid-day on December 11th to midday on the 14th. Bids will be able to be made and all the action followed on The Mince Pie Project website. All proceeds from the project will be donated to Galvin's Chance and Crisis.

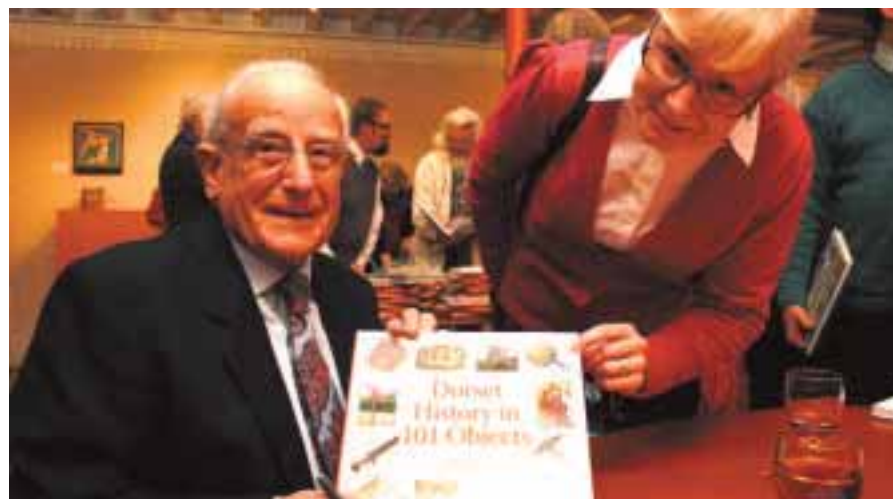
"I can't think of many better ways to get a group of chefs raising money for charity, such a fun idea. Hopefully a West country feel to my pies with plenty of Cider in the mix will entice some good bids," said Russell.

Last year's project saw 36 chefs take part raising almost £10,000 for charity.

Galvin's Chance is a training and work placement programme for disadvantaged young people aged 18-24 who are not in education, employment or training. Initiated by Chris Galvin, Chef Patron and Fred Sirieix at Galvin at Windows in 2009, the intention of the programme is to provide access to opportunities and training for a front of house career in some of the most prestigious hotels, restaurants and food service management organisations in London.

Crisis is the national charity for single homeless people. They are dedicated to ending homelessness by delivering life-changing services and campaigning for change. Their innovative education, employment, housing and well-being services address individual needs and help people to transform their lives.

To find out more about the auction go to [www.themincepieproject.com](http://www.themincepieproject.com) (Twitter: @mincepieproject)



■ TERRY HEARING signing copies of his book at the official launch in the Dorset County Museum

## Objects charting county's history

DORSET author Terry Hearing has set out to tell some of the history of the county in 101 objects.

Last week dozens queued for signed copies at a busy evening in the County Museum for the book's official launch.

Mr Hearing, a former teacher and lecturer, has collected together information about selected objects while illustrating aspects of the county's history.

They range from the tiny Mesolithic microliths to the strip fields of Portland – and amongst the pages you can also find the story behind a cannonball lodged in the wall of a ladies' loo at Weymouth.

Other featured objects include pre-

historic hillforts while some seem mundane utilities, like roadside signposts; some are merely names like the list of the parish priests who died serving their flocks when the Black Death swept in.

Each short chapter gives the flavour of the object to show its importance in the continuing story of a county rich in the remains of the lives of our predecessors. All the objects can be seen in the museums, the towns and the countryside of Dorset.

Mr Hearing was born and brought up in London. After service with the Royal Marines, an Honours degree in History at Queen Mary College, University of London, and a short acquaintance with commerce, he

taught History at a London Grammar School. In 1966 he came to Dorset, becoming Principal Lecturer in History at the then Dorset Institute of Higher Education. Early retirement enabled him to concentrate on his two major interests: the Magistracy and Local History. These interests were combined in his book Dorset Justice (Magistrates' Association, 1999). Other works include: Dorset Quarter Sessions 1625-1638 (Dorset Record Society, 2006); The Dorset Horn (Dorset Horn Sheepbreeders' Association 1990); Dorchester Divided (Dorchester Community Plays Association, 2002); and History on your Doorstep (Dorchester Rotary Club 2008).

## Adoption centre opening

LORD and Lady Fellowes will perform a ceremony to mark the opening of a new centre for adopted children next week.

The Families for Children Adoption Agency centre will be formally opened on the outskirts of Dorchester on Monday afternoon.

Guests, including families who have adopted children, will be told of the work the organisation does in placing vulnerable children with new adopted families in Dorset.

## Evacuee talk

A TALK by Peter Watson, entitled "The Evacuee", will be given to the Thursday Group in St George's Hall, Fordington today, Thursday 13th. The event starts at 2.15pm, is open to anyone, and will be followed by tea and mince pies.

## Christmas dinner money

AGE UK, Dorchester is appealing for donations to provide each of its day centre and lunch club members with a free Christmas meal. Money, or items for the meal, should be taken to the Age UK centre at Rowan Cottage, Prince of Wales Road.

## Writers' meeting

AN AFTERNOON for writers is being held at Dorchester Arts Centre this afternoon, Thursday 13th.

Poems, prose and short stories from established and aspiring writers will feature in the event which starts at 2.15pm and continues until 4.30pm. Admission costs £2.50.

## Quiz helps homeless

A CHRISTMAS QUIZ with a difference has gone on sale at Dorchester's Tourist Information Centre in Trinity Street.

The £1 quiz sheet will raise money for a local homeless project and offer those taking part the chance to win prizes for themselves.

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Almost everyone knows chocolate is poisonous to dogs. But Why? Chocolate contains Theobromine which unlike us, dogs are unable to metabolise. The initial signs of chocolate poisoning are mild and include vomiting, diarrhoea and increased urination. However this is very quickly progresses into serious heart problems, seizures, internal bleeding and death. When placing gifts under your Christmas tree make sure that they do not contain any chocolate, if you are unsure, remove the gift anyway. Your dog will smell it out!



#### Christmas Cake



It is the raisins and sultanas that make Christmas cake poisonous to dogs and cats. The exact toxin responsible is unknown at this time and different animals seem to tolerate higher doses than others. Initial signs of poisoning including vomiting, diarrhoea and hyperactivity. Within 24 hours this leads to lethargy and the animal stops eating and drinking. Kidney failure occurs very quickly and is accompanied by a painful abdomen. Unless aggressive fluid therapy is initiated within the first 24 hours after ingestion, the animal usually dies. Those that are saved often end up with permanent kidney damage.

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Turkey bones are not suitable for giving to your pet. The bones splinter very easily, becoming sharp and can cause a variety of injuries to the mouth, stomach and intestines. They can also get stuck inside your pet, requiring a surgical operation to remove them. Make sure that all carcasses are kept out of reach of your pet and that when you throw them away, make sure they are wrapped up safely as dogs and cats will get through your bins if given the chance!



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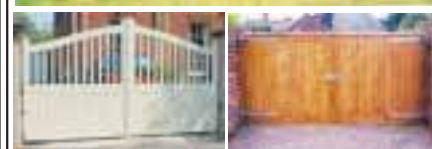
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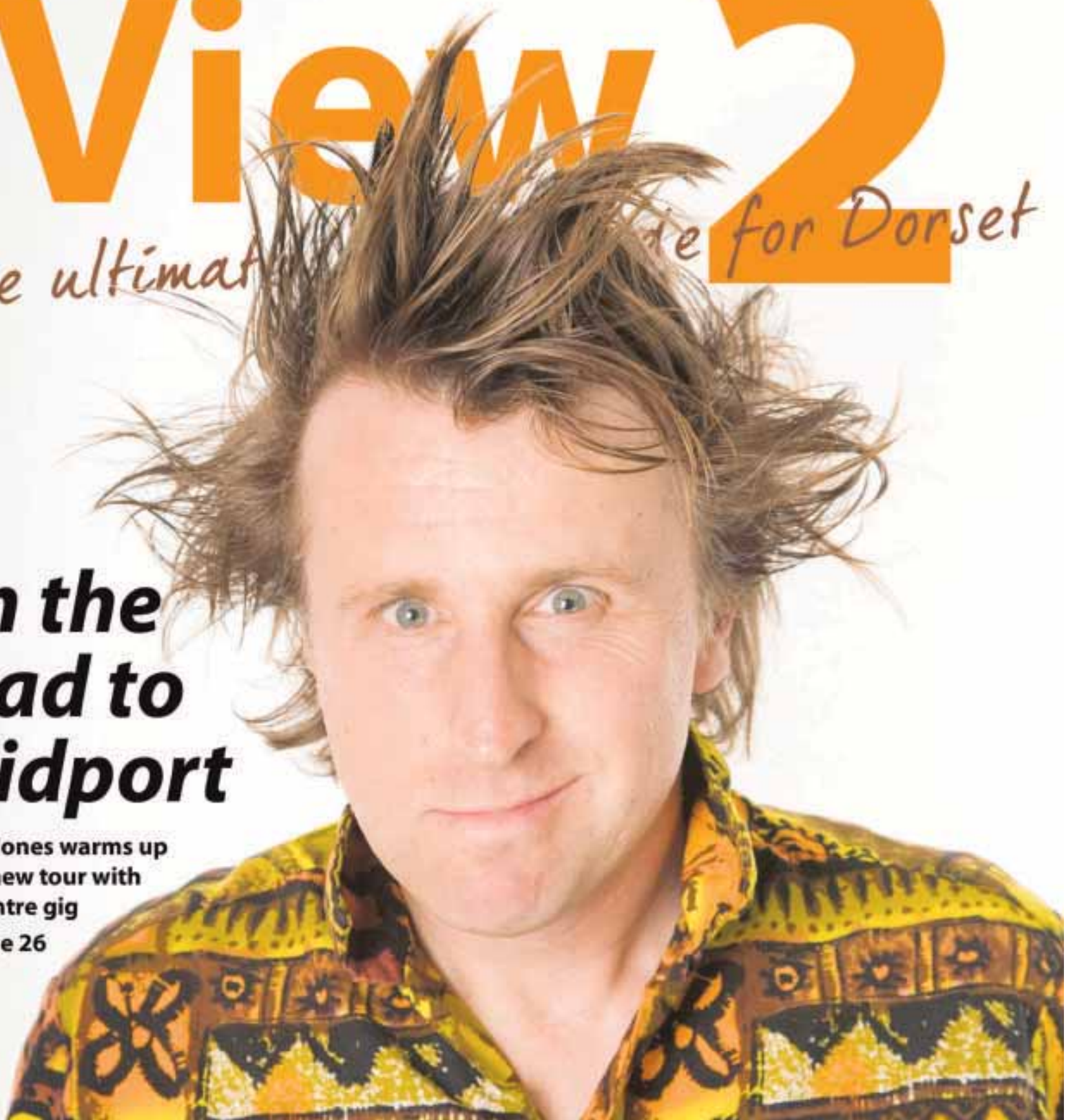


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## **On the road to Bridport**

Milton Jones warms up  
for his new tour with  
Arts Centre gig  
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# MILTON JONES ON THE ROAD TO BRIDPORT

MILTON Jones is back on the road and heading to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, January 19th with a warm up show ahead of his new tour, this time imaginatively entitled 'On The Road'.

The multi award-winning comedian has been a panelist many times on Mock the Week (BBC2), and was recently to be seen on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow (BBC1). He has also recently had his ninth radio series commissioned for BBC Radio 4. He is a former Perrier Best Newcomer and Perrier Nominee as well as having won a Sony Award for his radio show the Very World of Milton Jones.

He is also the current Chortle website 'Headliner of the Year' and in 2012 'Another Case of Milton Jones' won the silver Sony Radio Academy Award.

If you like the stuff he's done on Mock the Week or Live at the Apollo then this is the show for you. Expect hundreds of his celebrated one-liners, plus pictures he drew.

Clever, surreal but mainly just stupid stupid stupid. He's won awards you know.

The show begins starts at 8pm on Saturday, January 19th, and tickets, costing £12.50, are available from [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com) and Bridport Arts Centre box office Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm, 01308 424204.

## Don't miss Dorset's longest established Morris Men this Christmas!

WESSEX Morris Men will be leaping into action during the festive season to entertain people in Dorset's towns and villages.

On Saturday, December 15th, they will be dancing in and around Bridport town centre, as part of the Bridport at Christmas celebrations. Their performances will start at around 10.30am in Barrack Street at the end of the market and conclude at around 3pm.

On Monday, December 17th, the team will be at the Halsey Arms in the village of Pulham in the Piddle Valley for their Christmas celebration, dancing and performing their traditional mumming play featuring a host of colourful characters and swashbuckling action.

The evening, which starts at 8pm, will round up with traditional singing and music.

On Boxing Day, Wednesday December 26th, the Wessex men will dance in Cerne Abbas village centre from noon.

Wessex Morris Men dance throughout Dorset, Somerset and abroad each year and they welcome men who would like to join them to learn morris dancing and enjoy the wonderful camaraderie of the morris.

They practice on Mondays from 8pm to 10pm at Pulham village hall, just across the road from the Halsey Arms pub. The postcode for sat navs is DT2 7DZ.

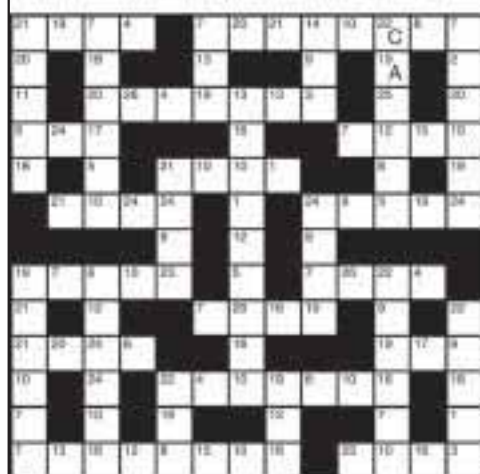
Just come along to a practice night or contact the team's Bagman Jeremy Wilton at [bagman@wessexmorrismen.co.uk](mailto:bagman@wessexmorrismen.co.uk) or the Squire Howard Gorrington at [squire@wessexmorrismen.co.uk](mailto:squire@wessexmorrismen.co.uk)

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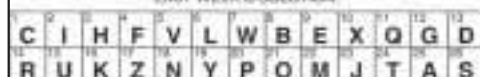
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### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fill the same grid.

#### Cryptic Clues:

##### Across

1. Sea mail going astray causes uneasiness (7)
7. Possibly loves to work out crossword clues (5)
9. Agencies that inform me before help is returned (5)
10. Possibly train as a mechanic (7)
12. Hostility to dogs, for example? (3,8)
14. A procession of empty protest (6,5)
16. Is the person shortly back on farm? (7)
19. An all-round measure (5)
21. It gets wetter as it dries (5)
22. Have a flying start? (4,3)

#### Quick Clues:

##### Across

5. Conveyance (7)
7. Extreme (5)
9. Blemish (5)
10. Liberate (7)
12. Swindle (11)
14. Collier (11)
16. Excursionist (7)
19. Spurious (10)
21. Deficient (5)
22. Gut (7)

##### Down

1. It goes on record (5)
2. Figure a girl is showing off will (6)
3. Finally refuse custom (3)
4. If run down they will pick you up (8)
5. A flighty individual (7)
8. He's at liberty to be a privileged citizen (7)
11. Continue to list? (3,2)
13. Seasonal blazer (4,3)
15. Inquire inside to obtain an engine part (8)
16. The number increases in emergencies (6)
17. People in office? (5)
20. Don't allow a section to be played (3)

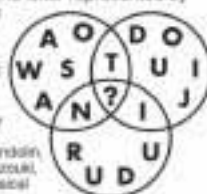


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## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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The letter represented by the question mark is Q. Mordant, bombast, bouillabaisse, all types of musical instrument.



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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:





## DIARY DATES

UNTIL SATURDAY DECEMBER 15TH

**DORCHESTER:** Free Entry to Dorchester Museum all week. Open 10am-4pm every day (except Sundays). Current exhibition is a collection of fascinating mosaics by Swanage based artist Robert Field.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 14TH**

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, Plants from local Nursery, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**WEYMOUTH:** U3A December Meeting. An open meeting, with contributions from various U3A Groups. From 10am at the Salvation Army Citadel. For more details call 01305 767584

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 15TH**

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Bingo Night at Bridport Youth Centre, Gundry Lane, 7.30pm start. Excellent prizes. Refreshments. In aid of Bridport Charter Fair.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH**

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster Games Club, meet every Sunday from 2pm till 6pm @ Beaminster youth centre 6 Prout Bridge, we play boardgames, card games and anything else game related and it's free!

**BRIDPORT:** Transition Town Bridport AGM and review of the year, followed by "Toxic Harvest", a talk by Robert Golden, renowned photographer and film-maker, on how the Food Industry profits from malnutrition. The discussion will focus on how Robert's analysis applies to Bridport. Refreshments will be provided by LETS. In Bridport Town Hall from 6.15pm.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19TH**

**BRIDPORT:** WI Hall Prize Bingo in aid of EDP drug and alcohol services. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

**EYPE:** West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society Christmas meeting: Antiques Road Show and Talk given by Garry Batt of Dukes. The Committee invites you to join them for a glass of wine and a mince pie. Held at Highlands End Leisure Centre, Eype, from 2.30pm.

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# Two of the jazz world's top performers to play 115 Club

BRIDPORT'S 115 Club was a wonderfully relaxed and refrained evening of gentle music and subtle vocals on Thursday, December 6th.

Andy Grant and Simon Rushbrook entertained the diners at 115 Club with their perfect melodious mastery of music. Working together and dropping improvisation with a perfectly selected set list, the duo created a truly unique evening enjoyed by all in attendance.

Next on the bill at 115 Club, Bridport's only dedicated Wine and Dine Music Venue, is the pure and soulful Zoe Francis accompa-

nied by Dave Newton, straight from the 606 Club in London. Thursday, December 20th is set to be a night of simple indulgence and harmonious music

Zoe Francis is a pure and simple Jazz singer, who through a diverse and eclectic medley of influences and experiences, has come to be one of the finest young Jazz vocalists of our time. Starting in Manhattan and Harlem, Zoe has played with some of Jazz's greats, and on Thursday, December 20th will continue this trend, accompanied by Dave Newton, ten times Britain's greatest Jazz Pianist by the British Jazz awards. Zoe

and Dave are putting the finishing touches to Zoe's first album "Looking for a Boy" due to be released in January 2013. With gigs including the 606 Club, Cheltenham Jazz Festival and some of London's finest Jazz venues Zoe has firmly put her mark on the Jazz world. From critics and musical legends alike, Zoe impresses her style and honesty, creating music to swing to, soothing rhythm, and beautiful vocals; The late Harry Whitaker- "Very warm and sensitive human being with a voice as smooth as silk" Chris Flory- "A really unique stylist, her voice reflects a warm heart"



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The restaurant has steadily grown over the last six months and is regularly at capacity. Not wishing to turn anyone away, Chris & Kim took the decision to carry out some interior changes by way of opening up a small existing fireplace in the little snug area, revealing the original inglenook fireplace. This created a larger area in the snug enabling a further 16 covers to be made available for dining. The snug also lends itself to cosy private parties, business meetings or simply for those wanting a more intimate setting for a meal. The alterations are now in their final stages, and it is anticipated that the room although in partial use, will be available for full use within the next two weeks.

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**Life Of Pi**<sup>PG</sup> Thu: 20.20  
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**Rise Of The Guardians**<sup>PG</sup>  
Fri-Wed: 15.15  
**Seven Psychopaths**<sup>15</sup>  
Fri-Wed: 20.20  
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Thu: 20.00  
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Fri-Sun: 10.50, 13.20, 15.50  
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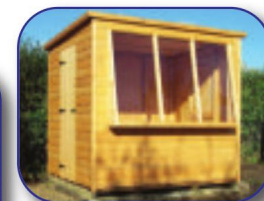
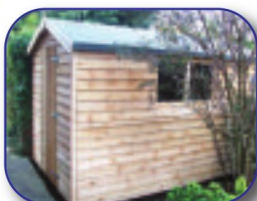


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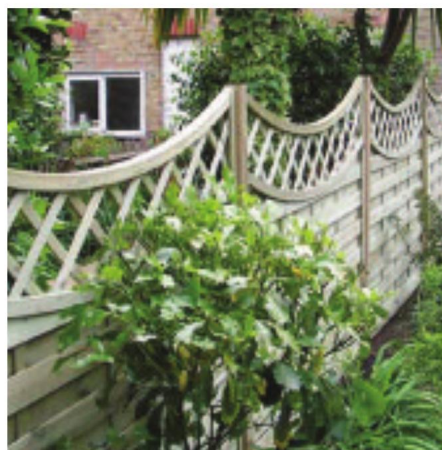
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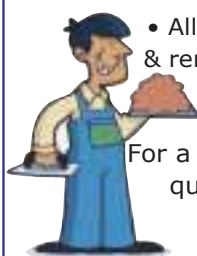
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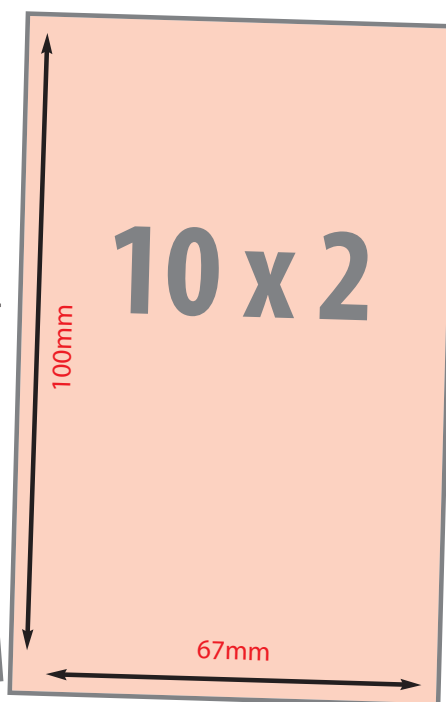
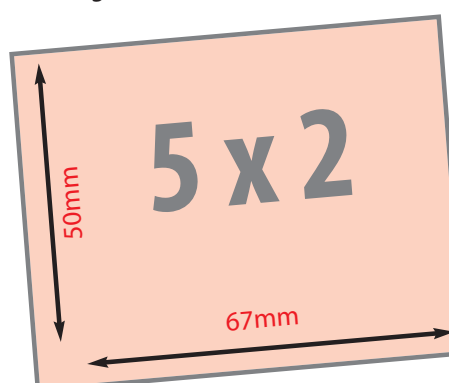
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Testing its talents to the limit as part of its 'Bargain of the Year 2012' award feature, the intrepid Top Gear team took a 4x4 ver-

sion to one of the most dangerous roads in the world, the Cañón del Pato (Duck Canyon), in a Peruvian stretch of the Andes. Their simple conclusion? "No car in the world offers more freedom for your quid than the Dacia Duster." We couldn't have put it better ourselves.

After a dizzying trip ascending the narrow, dimly lit Peruvian roads, the plaudits

continued with, "I'm pretty sure it nails the ride-handling balance better than cars at many times its price". Or, simply, "we have subjected this simple, brilliant little car to punishment beyond anything that even Britain's most abused Defender has endured."

Acknowledging the tough economic times, FHM had a similar thought process. Awarding it 'Best for when you're short on cash', the plaudits came thick and fast, "as the economic fog swirls down our deserted high streets, the Dacia Duster arrives as a car of its time". Or, our particular favourite, "it's big, robust and good-looking".

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There is a catch, of course. The iMiev, like all electric cars, needs charging up more often than a regular car needs filling up. How often that is depends on how you drive, how hilly the route is, and how used you are to recharging the battery in downhill sections of road.

A figure of 90 miles per charge has been given, but with lengthy charge times still the norm, the iMiev is best served as a town runaround to be returned home for a nightly recharge.

Driving the iMiev (Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle – with the mandatory "i" prefix) is initially strange. Sitting in the driver's seat the first reaction was to try to start the engine.

But as Motorwell manager David Thompson pointed out, the engine doesn't idle like a fossil-fuel-guzzling vehicle. It's just primed, ready to go, silent.

Applying the gas – or, rather, the juice – the iMiev glides away smoothly with a friendly whirr. Thereafter, throw away preconceptions,

because driving this Mitsubishi is very similar to driving any economical hatchback with a smaller engine.

You don't buy an iMiev to feel like Sebastian Vettel so bangs per buck are not part of the equation.

What you get instead is a comfortable, perfectly nippy around-town driving experience, with a 70+ mph top speed that works just fine on the routes around Bridport.

Mr Thompson agreed that the iMiev best

suits people looking for economy and environmental responsibility for around-town or mid-range commute.

He said: "It's not a fad. This is the way the majority of manufacturers are going. Once the structure is in place to support electric vehicles then they will become even more popular."

Prices start at £28,995. But with an immediate £5,000 rebate from the government, zero road tax, and the promise of ultra-low cost motoring, the investment might just be a wise one.



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## Another record uk market share month for Mercedes-Benz cars

MERCEDES-Benz UK has achieved a record 4.5 per cent new car registration market share for the year-to-date, according to figures released today by the SMMT.

Leading the gain in market share were the B-Class, C-Class Saloon, Estate and Coupé, the SLK Roadster and Viano people carrier. Each added to their already impressive tally with record registrations for the year-to-date. Likewise, the C-Class Coupé, SLK-Class, E-Class Cabriolet, CLS-Class Coupé and S-Class each lead their respective market segments for the year-to-date.

An incredible year for the AMG high performance brand was sustained in November with a gain of 88.1 per cent for the month being added to a 135.8 per cent rise in the first 11-months of 2012. 5102 smart fortwos have been registered so far this year, up 8.4 per cent on 2011's result.

In total, 6,625 cars were registered by Mercedes-Benz in the UK in November – adding to a total of 85,819 cars for the year-to-date.

Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicle registrations continued to be strong, despite a challenging and

highly competitive market. The new Actros recorded another impressive month, with sales up 26.3 per cent in November, contributing to a 38.4 per cent rise for the year.

Van registrations are on course for a significant rise compared to 2011, with a total of 22,728 vans registered between January and November contributing towards a 10.2 per cent gain for the year-to-date and a 12.3 per cent market share.

Marcus Breitschwerdt, President and CEO Mercedes-Benz UK commented: 'Nearing the end of the year, we're in a great position in the UK with record market share performances. Our core vehicles continue to set record registrations – led by the C-Class family. We're now looking forward to a even more impressive 2013 as we maintain and build on our market share with the introduction of the new A-Class and a range of other vehicles to UK customers.'

'Mirroring this, the Commercial Vehicle range is very strong in a hard-fought market. The new Actros is building up a substantial and loyal following while van sales are on course to finish 2012 in style with record registrations.'



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# Portland and Weymouth both into last four

## DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP WITH WILL MOWBRAY

**Dorset League Cup**  
**Tintinhull 1 Portland Utd 2**  
PORTLAND beat Tintinhull 2-1 which put them into the semi-finals of the league cup, they had to come from behind to do so.

The Timnen took the lead after 15 minutes through Jonathan Delahaye but The Islanders hit back to equalise with a goal from Mitchell Conning in the 30 minute and Conning again scored the winner 20 minutes into the second half.

**Cranborne 1 Weymouth Res 5 AET**  
IT took extra time for The Terras to see off Cranborne. After a goal less first half the Terras took the lead on the hour through Brandon Heal only for Dan Loader to equalise for the Cranes to take the tie into extra time.

This is where Cranborne fell apart and it did not help having their keeper sent off as Weymouth ran in a further four goals from Matthew Morley (2), Ben Doige and Liam Greatrex.

**Dorset Premier League**  
**Parley Sports 4 Hamworthy Res 1**  
PARLEY defeated Hamworthy United with their coming from Matthew Newbery (2) in the 65th and 80th minutes, Ben Bosley on the half hour and Paul Rideout in the 69th minute while netting the Hammers consolation goal was Jacob Wood.

**Sherborne Res 1 Wareham Rang 5**  
WAREHAM returned from their trip to Sherborne with maximum points, their goal scorers being Jamie Beale (2), Ben Harding, David Best and Steven Yates while getting on the score sheet for Sherborne was Daniel Call with a penalty.

**Senior League**  
MERE TOWN continue their impressive start to the season and open up a ten-point gap at the top of the senior league with a 2-1 victory over Portland United with their goal scorers being Jordan Collins and Gavin Bendell, while netting the Islanders consolation goal was Chris Reader. Kingstone Lacy

made it five games in a row without defeat following their 2-0 win against Sturminster Newton United with both their goals coming from Simon Dyer. A second-half hat trick by Sam Farthing gave Westland Sports maximum points against Stourpaine. This win moves the Sports up into seventh place.

**Division One**  
WITH two of the top three sides on County Cup duty this allowed Corfe Mullen United to take top spot following their 5-0 win against Poole Borough. Scoring for Corfe was Ashley Ayley (2) and one each for David Johnston, Michael Fleetham and Chris Inman.

Bridport A moved up into the top five with a 3-2 win against Chickerell United Reserves with their strikes coming from James Legg, Chris Gale and Shane Evans.

Bere Regis recorded their fourth League win when they defeated Merley Cobham Sports Reserves 3-0 with their goals coming from Graeme Rose (2) and one for Matt Elford.

**Division Two**  
DORCHESTER Sports moved back into the top three with a 4-3 win against Portland Town with Teejay Smith-McFarlane scoring a hat-trick.

Shaftesbury Town Reserves moved up into fifth place following their 6-2 win against their local rivals Donhead United with their goals coming from James Coffin (2) Callum Bent (2) and one each for Jack Jeanes and Daniel Smith while scoring for Donhead were Liam Samways and Jimmy Franko.

Wareham Rangers stay in the bottom three despite their 3-0 win against Corfe Castle with their goals coming from Zac Williams, Jay Birch and Simon Lander.

Wyke Regis Social Club moved up into sixth place after their 5-1 win against Sturminster Newton United Reserves, and their consolation goal coming from Clive Metcalf.

**Division Three**  
PIDDLEHINTON United moved back into second spot with a 6-0 thumping

over Owemoigne. This was Overmoignes ninth defeat and they sink to the foot of the table.

Handley Sports move into third after their 3-2 win against Maiden Newton & Cattistock with their goal scorers being Liam Barrett (2) and one for George Gibbs.

Bere Regis Reserves moved off the foot of the table with their first win of the season. They took all three points with a 3-2 win at The Belvedere Inn.

**Division Four**  
WHAT with the weather conditions and the County Minor Cup fixtures being played, only two games were played.

This allowed Portland Town Reserves to stay in mid table following their win at Littlemoor with their goals coming from Antony Desmond (2) and one each for Danny Clifford, Johan Ogilvie and Savage.

The other game played was the bottom of the table clash between Corfe Mullen United Reserves and Weymouth Spartan Reserves. Weymouth snatched it with a 1-0 victory to leave Corfe Mullen four points adrift at the foot of the table.

**Division Five**  
PIMPERNE Sports Society moved eight points at the top of division five following their eighth win in a row when they defeated Broadstone FC Reserves 5-1 with their strikes coming from Paul Ford (2) and one each for Adrian Barnes, Joseph Babbs and Darren Wood while netting the Broadstone consolation was Rob Clarke.

The Kangaroos Reserves jumped up into the top five with a 10-3 victory against their visitors Milborne Sports Reserves with their marksmen being Billy Greenway (5) Kieren Gallimore (2) and one each for Craig Hewitt, John Litherland and Taylor Quinton.

Despite their second win of the season Lytchett RT Youth stay at the foot of the table but now only on goal difference, beating Handley Sports Reserves with their goals coming from Ross Ayley, Shaun Bishop, Ryan Matthews and Chris Dickson.

Maiden Newton & Cattistock Re-

serves and Portland Town drew 2-2 with the Portland goals coming from Morley and Matthew Ramsey.

**RESULTS - Saturday, December 8th**  
**DORSET SENIOR TROPHY**  
Bridport Res 3-1 Sturminster Marshall  
Milborne Spts 6-2 Swanage Town Res  
Okeford Utd p-p Upwey & Broadwey.  
South Cheriton 2-1 Parley Sports Res  
Wimborne Res 2-3 AET Poundbury  
Witchampton 1-6 Piddletrenthide

**DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP**  
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Alderholt 5-1 The Balti House  
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**DORSET MINOR CUP**  
Alderholt walkover  
Bishops Caundle 1-4 Puddletown  
Broadstone FC 3-0 Allendale Reserves  
Lower Parkstone 11-2 Drimpton

**DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Parley Sports 4-1 Hamworthy Utd Res  
Sherborne Res 1-5 Wareham Rangers  
Swanage Town & H p-p Poole Borough  
Wincanton Town p-p Shaftesbury  
**DORSET LEAGUE CUP ROUND 3**  
Cranborne 1-5 Weymouth Res AET  
Hamworthy Rec p-p Chickerell Utd  
Holt United 6-3 Blandford United  
Tintinhull 1-2 Portland United

**SENIOR LEAGUE**  
Kingston Lacy 2-0 Sturminster Newton  
Portland United Res 1-2 Mere Town  
Westland Sports 3-0 Stourpaine

**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**  
Bere Regis 3-0 Merley Cobham Res  
Bridport A 3-2 Chickerell United Res  
Poole Borough Res 0-5 Corfe Mullen  
Wincanton Town p-p Kangaroos

**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**  
Portland Town 3-4 Dorchester Sports  
Shaftesbury Town Res 6-2 Donhead  
Sturminster New Res 1-5 Wyke Regis SC  
Wareham Rangers Res 3-0 Corfe Castle

**DORSET LEAGUR DIVISION THREE**  
Handley Sports 3-2 Maiden N & C  
Owemoigne 0-6 Piddlehinton United  
Portesham United p-p Stalbridge  
Sturminster Mar Res p-p Lytchett RT

The Belvedere Inn 2-3 Bere Regis Res  
**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**  
AFC Blandford p-p UFC Poundbury  
Corfe Mull Res 0-1 Weymouth Spar Res  
Littlemoor 1-5 Portland Town Reserves  
Mere Town Res p-p Cranborne Res

**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE**  
Kangaroos Res 10-3 Milborne Spts Res  
Lytchett Youth 4-1 Handley Sports Res  
Maiden N & C Res 2-2 Portland Town A  
Pimperne Spts 5-1 Broadstone FC Res  
Wellworthy p-p Swanage Town & H

**FIXTURES - Saturday, December 15th**  
**DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE**  
Blandford Utd v Hamworthy Utd Res  
Hamworthy Rec v Wareham Rangers  
Merley Cobham Sports v Cranborne  
Parley Sport v Shaftesbury Town

Portland Utd v Wincanton Town  
Poole Borough v Chickerell Utd  
Sherborne Town Res v Bridport Res  
Tintinhull v Swanage Town & Herston  
Weymouth Res v Holt Utd

**SENIOR LEAGUE**  
Okeford United v Blandford Town Res  
Sturminster MarsHv Portland Utd Res  
Sturminster Newt Utd v Stourpaine  
Westland Sports v Gillingham Res  
Mere Town v Upwey & Broadwey  
Weymouth Sports v Kingstone Lacy  
Witchampton Utd v Piddletrenthide

**LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**  
Bere Regis v Poole Borough Reserves  
Chickerell United Res v Kangaroos.  
Corfe Mullen United v Milborne Sports  
South Chereton v Wincanton Town Res  
Poundbury Rovers v Bridport A  
Swanage Town Res v Merley Cob Res

**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**  
AFC Cobham v Shaftesbury Town Res  
Corfe Castle v Sturminster Newton Res  
Dorchester Sports v The Balti House  
Gillingham Town A v Wyke Regis SC  
Wareham Rangers Res v Donhead Utd

Weymouth Spar v The Ship Inn Wool  
**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**  
Maiden Newton & C v Portesham Utd  
Owemoigne v Sturminster Mar Res  
Stalbridge v Piddlehinton United

Bere Regis Reserves  
The Belvedere Inn v Handley Sports  
**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR**  
Bishops Caundle v Weymouth Spar Res  
Broadstone FC v Littlemoor  
Cranborne Reserves v AFC Blandford

Puddletown v Mere Town Reserves  
UFC Poundbury v Donhead United Res  
**DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE**  
Handley Sports Res v Broadstone FC Res  
Lytchett RT Youth v Maiden N & C  
Pimperne Sports Society v Marnhull

Swanage Town A v Kangaroos

## AS THEY STAND

Premier	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Holt Utd.....	16	12	2	19	38	
Portland Utd.....	13	11	1	1	35	34
Ham'thy Rec.....	12	10	2	5	36	32
Wincanton.....	12	9	3	0	22	30
Bridport Res.....	16	8	5	3	21	29
Chickerell Utd.....	15	8	4	3	17	28
Tintinhull.....	16	9	1	6	-2	28
Parley Sports.....	13	6	3	4	7	21
Wareham Ran.....	17	6	2	9	1	20
Shaftesbury.....	15	6	0	9	-13	18
Weymouth Re.....	15	5	2	8	-5	17
Cranborne.....	14	5	2	7	-10	17
Hamworthy.....	16	4	4	8	-12	16
Blandford Utd.....	17	5	0	12	-21	15
Merley Sports.....	15	3	3	9	-27	12
Sherborne Res.....	16	2	5	8	-21	11
Swanage & H.....	11	3	1	7	-15	10
Poole Borough.....	16	2	2	12	-32	8

Senior League	PW	D	LGD	Pts	
Mere Town.....	11	10	1	0 28	31
Gillingham Res..10	7	0	3	7	21
Witchampton.....	8	6	0	2 7	18
Portland Res.....	11	5	2	4	17
Piddletrenthide	10	5	1	4	2 16
Sturminster Utd11	4	3	4	7	15
Westland Spts.....	9	4	1	4	6 13
Kingston Lacy.....	9	4	1	4	2 13
Blandford Res.....	10	4	1	5 -12	13
Upwey & Broad.....	8	4	0	4	6 12
Stourpaine.....	11	3	1	7 -3	10
Weymouth Spts11	2	4	5	-14	10
Okeford Utd.....	7	2	1	4 -9	7
Sturm Marshall..10	0	10	0	-28	0

Division One	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Corfe Mullen.....	9	8	1	0	24	25
Milborne Sports.....	10	7	1	2	21	22
South Cheriton.....	7	7	0	0	27	21
Poundbury.....	7	4	1	2	6	13
Bridport A.....	9	4	1	4	-6	13
Poole Borough.....	11	4	0	7	-14	12
Bere Regis.....	9	3	2	4	-4	11
Swanage Town.....	5	3	0	2	1	9
Wincanton Res.....	6	2	2	-5	8	8
Kangaroos.....	7	0	4	-3	-3	4
Chickerell Res.....	10	1	0	7	-8	3
Merely Cob.....	10	0	10	-39	0	0

Division Two	PW	D	LGD	Pts	
AFC Cobham .....11	8	2	1	15	26
The Balti House.....10	7	1	2	18	22
Dorchester Sp.....10	7	1	2	17	22
Weymouth Sp.....10	7	0	3	8	21
Shaftesbury Res.....11	6	1	4	6	19
Wyke Regis .....11	6	1	4	3	19
Corfe Castle .....9	5	0	4	3	15
Gillingham A.....10	3	2	5	0	11
Sturminster Res.....10	3	1	6	-17	10
Donhead Utd.....10	3	0	7	-16	9
Wareham Rang.....9	2	1	6	-9	7
Portland Town.....10	3	3	7	-16	3
Ship Inn, Wool.....7	0	1	6	-12	1

Division Three	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Lytchett RT.....	7	0	0	37	21	
Piddlehinton.....	10	6	3	1	21	
Handley Sp.....	10	6	2	2	12	20
Portesham Utd.....	9	6	1	2	5	19
Stalbridge.....	10	4	3	3	0	15
Maiden N&C.....	9	3	1	5	-21	10
Belvedere Inn.....	6	2	1	3	-2	7
Sturminster Res.....	8	2	1	5	-6	7
Stickland Utd.....	9	0	5	4	-9	5
Bere Regis Res.....	7	1	2	4	-11	5
Owermoigne.....	11	1	1	9	-30	4

Division Four	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Broadstone FC.....	9	6	2	1	25	20
Puddletown.....	8	6	1	20	19	
Mere Town Res.....	8	6	0	2	16	18
AFC Blandford.....	7	5	2	0	15	17
Portland Town.....	9	4	3	2	3	15
Bishops Caun.....	9	3	2	4	1	11
UFC Poundbury.....	9	2	4	3	-8	10
Cranborne Res.....	10	2	2	6	-19	8
Littlemoor.....	8	2	1	5	-5	7
Weymouth Spar.....	9	2	1	6	-22	7
Corfe Mullen.....	10	1	0	9	-26	3

Division Five	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Pimperne.....	8	0	0	37	24	
Swanage T&H.....	6	5	1	0	23	16
Wellworths.....	8	5	1	2	19	16
Portland Town.....	11	4	2	5	-6	14
Kangeroos Res.....	9	4	1	4	-5	13
Marnhull.....	9	3	2	4	-5	11
Milborne Res.....	7	2	2	3	-1	8
Handley Sports.....	9	2	2	5	-33	8
Maiden N&C Res.7	2	1	4	-12	7	
Broadstone Res.10	2	1	7	-14	7	
Lytchett RT.....	8	2	1	5	-15	7

## SCRUM DOWN - rugby round-up

# Trowbridge decimate a weakened Dorchester side

**TROWBRIDGE 48 DORCHESTER 0**  
IN recent seasons games between these two sides have normally ended with victory to the home side, Saturday was to be no exception. Decimated by unavailabilities, injuries and late withdrawals Dorchester were always going to up against it at Trowbridge and the writing appeared to be on the wall when the hosts scored an early converted try.

The visitors however regrouped and dominated the next twenty minutes. Matt Read was clearly manhandled when chasing his own kick through but still managed to touch the ball down but the referee claimed not to have seen anything and awarded a twenty two restart. Minutes later Dorchester again appeared to have scored but once again the referee said he was unsighted.

Then, when Trowbridge scored their second try with the benefit of a very obvious forward pass which the referee once again 'did not see', Dorchester realised that this was not going to be their day.

Somewhat disheartened they conceded three more tries leaving the half-time score 29-0. A couple of soft tries at the start of the second half for the hosts finished the game as a contest but Dorchester, with only pride to play for, dug in and defending well only allowed one more try in the last quarter.

The game ended with both sets of supporters

agreeing that the result was right but the score was extremely harsh on the visitors. Dorchester must thank those players that stepped up from lower teams and those that were asked to play out of position but must realise that until they can field a settled side they will struggle to win games at this level.

**Highwood Man of the Match:-** Matt Read  
**Team:** Warren, Miners, Ritchie, Bonner, Sergison, D Gower, J Gower, Bament; Weller, Costigan; Bowden, Newton, Baker, Paton; Read. Replacements (all used): Woodbridge, Skidmore, Clark.

**PUDDLETOWN 10 FROME SECONDS 22**  
TWO second-half tries in an otherwise evenly matched Dorset & Wiltz 2 South encounter swung the result the way of a young Frome second-string, maintaining them in second place and keeping the pressure on East Dorset, the unbeaten league leaders.

Meanwhile the Villagers will be trying to fathom out how, having built a decent lead over their Somerset visitors in the first-half, they again failed to make the most of further chances, despite repeatedly securing the platform from which to score.

From the kick-off the visitors quickly showed their intent, but Puddletown held their line, defended well, and began to put together some

dangerous phases of their own, taking the lead on fifteen minutes through Paul Chidley. The pack had patiently worked a good position just metres out and the big number eight was first to react when the ball ran loose from a ruck, powering over in the corner for an unconverted try.

Even better was to come ten minutes later when fly-half Barry Dovell made a splendid 30-metre line-break before offloading to Matt Watts. The flanker passed to winger James House, he popped a short pass to Dan Udell, and the centre drew the last man before setting up Jeremy Michael-Beale to bag one for the front row union.

Again the conversion attempt failed but with a ten-point lead the Villagers were looking favourites, only to let Frome back in right on half-time with a catalogue of missed tackles gifting a try under the posts. The conversion was a formality, and just five minutes into the second period the scores were levelled from a penalty after the home side had been punished for an infringement in the ruck.

Puddletown continued to press though with flanker Jon Perrett the pick of the bunch, and plenty of chances were created, but no matter what they tried they failed to turn possession into points. Frome on the other hand were clinical, making the most of their limited opportunities and easing away to victory.

## Dorset Piddle Brewery Man-of-the-Match: Jon Perrett

**RESULTS - Saturday, 8th December**  
**Dorset & Wiltz 1 South**  
Bridport 30 - 12 North Dorset II  
**Dorset & Wiltz 2 South**  
Fordingbridge II 15-16 Weymouth II,  
Poole 35-17 Dorchester II,  
Puddletown 10-22 Frome II  
**Dorset & Wiltz 4**  
Blandford II HWO Bridport II  
**Southern Counties South**  
Trowbridge 48-0 Dorchester,  
Weymouth 35-12 Corsham

**FIXTURES - Saturday, 15th December**  
**Dorset & Wiltz 1 South**  
North Dorset II v Bridport  
**Dorset & Wiltz 2 South**  
Dorchester II v Puddletown  
Frome II v Weymouth II  
East Dorset v Poole  
**Dorset & Wiltz 4**  
Blandford II v Bridport II  
**Southern Counties South**  
Dorchester v Wootton Bassett  
Devizes v Weymouth

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## SAILING

# Exciting year of sailing events ahead at WPNSA

AFTER an unforgettable year including hosting the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events, the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is looking ahead to 2013.

Next year is set to be another exciting one for the academy (WPNSA) with a total of 30 sailing events booked.

They range from the large Topper fleets that will be visiting twice during the year; firstly for the Topper Winter Regatta which is taking place from February 9th – 10th, and then the Topper Nationals in August, to the prestigious International Dragon Fleet.

With the whole 2013 calendar available to visiting classes, there has been a strong uptake of dates at the venue. This will give the WPNSA and peripheral suppliers a full season's worth of activity and an excellent continuation of the academy's legacy, on not only the world of competitive sailing but also the local economy.

New classes to visit are the RS Tera's coming for both their Nationals and World Championships. This growing class is expected to reach competitor numbers of 250 during their world championship in July.

Also, new are the International Dragons who are bringing three separate events to Weymouth and Portland next year.

These are; the Dragon South West Championship, the Edinburgh Cup and their World Championship. There will be much anticipation around watching the starts of this fleet with up to 80 boats starting together in Weymouth Bay.

The highly regarded Sail for Gold Regatta will run from June 9th – 13th with a commitment from the WPNSA and the RYA to jointly host the nation's largest international Olympic class's regatta.

This event will be one of the first events for the new Olympic classes including the new catamaran and the FX female skiff.

With many existing squad members switching classes this should provide a flurry of interest at the



■ **MEMORIES:** From left to right; Peter Fry- Olympic Torchbearer, Helena Lucas- Paralympic Gold Medalist, John Tweed - WPNSA Chief Executive, Alan Baker - Assistant Harbour Master of Portland Port.

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start of this next Olympic cycle.

Heading into autumn the WPNSA will host the Hurricane and F18 Nationals which will be a return to large catamaran events hopefully on an annual basis.

There are a great number of additional events planned throughout the year, both sailing and non-sailing and the WPNSA is open to everyone.

For further details of the 2013 calendar and venue hiring opportunities please visit [www.wpnsa.org.uk](http://www.wpnsa.org.uk)

## WEST DORSET YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE

# All-rounder Jessica makes history

JESSICA Riley made history when by becoming the youngest female to represent Portland Red Triangle's under 10 side in their latest game in the West Dorset Youth Indoor Cricket league last week.

The eight-year-old had an outstanding game, both bowling and fielding, as the Islanders overcame their Weymouth counterparts in the first of two games held at the Osprey Leisure Centre Portland that once again produced excellent cricket from all sides.

**UNDER 10 -  
PORTLAND RED TRIANGLE 66-2  
BEAT WEYMOUTH 65 ALL OUT  
BY 4 WICKETS.**

ASKED to bat first, Weymouth lost their first wicket in the second over to an excellent catch from wicket keeper David Hinde off the bowling of Owen Harrison (2-7).

Two balls later Hinde cleaned bowler J McMillan for a duck, leaving Weymouth struggling on 17-2.

Tom Anderson led the Weymouth recovery with a cultured 25 before being clean

bowled by skipper William Cotter as Portland's bowlers kept up the pressure with accurate line and length bowling.

A hard-hitting 28 from P Sapworth helped to push up the runs, but further wickets for Cotter, C. Durant and Aaron Griffin enabled Portland to dismiss Weymouth for 65 in the seventh over.

Harrison (28 no), Portland's mom, and Cotter (14) got Portland off to a positive start before Cotter was run-out by an excellent throw and direct hit from Portland's Harry Mitchell who was substitute fielding for five-man Weymouth.

They were back in the game when the unfortunate Durant (0) was run out, and when Harrison had to retire, it was left to Hinde (8no) and Griffin (2no) to see Portland home with 11 balls remaining.

Portland Coach Grant Nevensaid: "These two sides produced cricket of the highest order and their sportsmanship was outstanding. All players concerned are a credit

to their clubs'.

**UNDER 12 -  
CERNE VALLEY 124-4  
BEAT WEYMOUTH 74 ALL OUT  
BY 50 RUNS**

CERNE's openers S Williams (27no) and S. Downey (9) plundered 45 runs in the first four overs with some forceful batting and sharp running between the wickets.

Two run-outs to excellent throws saw them slip to 48-2 as Weymouth searched for consistency with their bowling.

P. Taylor (24no) produced some excellent stroke play and despite losing W. Simpson for a duck, Cerne's innings closed on a competitive 124-4.

Weymouth's cause got off to the worst possible start with Luff (2) being bowled by Simpson in the first over. In his next over Simpson accounted for Anderson (4) once again clean bowling the batsman as Weymouth sunk to 16-2.

The remaining Cerne bowlers kept a tight line as

Weymouth, despite a battling 24 from Williams, struggled to score.

Another fine pick up and throw produced the final wicket as a battling Weymouth fell 50 runs short in an encounter that produced top-notch cricket from both teams.

## Triangle recruiting young cricketers

PORTLAND Red Triangle Cricket Club are recruiting young cricketers for their Youth Section for both the West Dorset Indoor and Outdoor Leagues 2013.

If you are aged between 8 and 16 years old and are interested in playing cricket then why not go along to their winter training at The Osprey Leisure Centre, Castletown on Thursdays evenings starting on Thursday, January 10th where you will receive quality coaching from the clubs fully qualified ECB coaches.

Both girls and boys are very welcome. The club currently have three junior sides and

are hoping to form a girl's team to complete in friendlies with the aim of joining the Dorset Girls League in the future.

All children will be made welcome, Training is between 5pm to 6.30pm for under 13s, and 6.30pm to 8pm for over 13's and all children are welcome.

For more information contact: Grant Neven on 07887943621 or e-mail [ns-tumps@googlemail.com](mailto:ns-tumps@googlemail.com).



■ Jessica Riley

## YOUTH RUGBY

# Dorchester beaten but not disgraced

**Dorchester U18 0 Wimborne 32**

DORCHESTER entered this game on a five match unbeaten run but knew they would have to be at their very best to contain unbeaten Wimborne

The first 20 minutes were absolutely even and it was only when Ed Grassby was shown yellow that the visitors made the man advantage pay and swept into a 13-0 lead.

Back came the home side refusing to lie down and when Jack Hargreaves made a strong break he released Max Simpson who stretched his legs, and although he clearly touched down the referee was badly placed and ruled the ball held up.

The second-half saw play take the same pattern with Wimborne the more clinical, and although they ran in a further 19 points, they didn't have it all their own way.

Although Wimborne conceded more penalties than their hosts, it was Dorchester who were again reduced to 14 men when Ben Clarke was given yellow half way through the half.

Despite this no further points were conceded, and although having lost there are a number of positives for the home side.

Afterwards coach Pete Waddington said: "It is a very strange feeling to have been beaten by this margin and then realise that this was your best performance of the season so far, such is the competitiveness of the Dorset & Wilts U18 Premier League. The final score line did not do justice to the way Dorchester kept battling."

He added dryly: "It was a game of two halves and we lost both!"

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## Dorchester & District Snooker League

**RESULTS:** WDC Whipping Boys 3 Colliton Cons 4, Colliton XQ2012 3 Colliton Club B 6, West Dorset Club C 3 Colliton Club B 4, Colliton Hopefuls 3 West Dorset Club A 5, Trinity M 6 Trinity Express 1, Trinity Gooduns 3 Purbeck Potters 5, WDC Whipping Boys 1 West Dorset Club C 6.  
**30+ break:** M. Woodroffe 39, M. Beale 37, A. Page 33.  
**Top Break of the Season:** Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) 49.

Table (after week 9)	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club C.....	10	7	0	3	0	48
West Dorset Club A.....	9	6	0	3	0	42
Purbeck Potters.....	9	5	0	4	0	37
Trinity M.....	8	5	1	2	0	34
Colliton Club B.....	9	6	0	3	0	34
Colliton XQ2012.....	10	5	0	5	0	34
Trinity Express.....	10	5	0	5	0	33
Trinity Gooduns.....	9	3	1	5	0	32
Colliton Hopefuls.....	10	3	0	7	0	32
Colliton Cons.....	8	4	0	4	0	30
WDC Whipping Boys.....	10	1	0	9	0	120

### Team Open Knockout Cup - semi-finals

West Dorset Club A v West Dorset Club C (Thursday, January 17th at West Dorset Club), Purbeck Potters v Colliton Cons (Monday, February 4th at Trinity Club).



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## INSIDE: Local sport round-up

# Magpies back to earth with Sutton loss

### Dorchester Town 0 Sutton Utd 1

Saturday, December 8th

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH - ATT: 456

DORCHESTER Town slid to defeat in their first league match since their three epic cup clashes with Luton Town.

It is always difficult to be sure why this happens, as the Magpies are not the only side to have underperformed after showing such resilience and determination against higher ranked opposition.

However they were certainly not at the races on Saturday as Sutton took revenge for their home defeat in the reverse fixture in September.

To add to their woes Dorchester had central defender Aaron Pugh sent off for a second bookable offence in the 77th minute.

Manager Phil Simkin made several changes from the starting line-up at Kenilworth Road but this did nothing to

perk up a side that looked flat from the start and did not muster a shot on goal the whole game.

The goal that settled the game came courtesy of a Charlie Clough own goal on 17 minutes, the big defender slicing Sam Rent's low cross beyond Jason Matthews.

Whilst Dorchester showed a few signs of picking their game up, they did not trouble Kevin Scriven in the visiting goal.

Simkin decided to make a triple substitution just after the hour in an attempt to breath life into his side replacing Jake Smeeton, Jamie Gleeson and Nick Crittenden with Sam Malsom, Lewis Morgan and Jon Garcia, but it made little difference.

Pugh's dismissal just added to the Magpies misery that now sees them sit 14th in the Blue Square South, but so close is the situation that they are only five points off a play-off spot with games in

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hand on everybody in the league.

### Luton Town 3 Dorchester Town 1

Tuesday, December 4th

**FA TROPHY 1ST ROUND REPLAY - ATT: 897**  
FOLLOWING two close encounters with their Blue Square Conference rivals, Dorchester Town never really threatened an upset in this FA Trophy first round replay at Kenilworth Road.

After holding the Hatters to a 2-2 draw at the Avenue Stadium before bowing out by the odd goal in three four days earlier in the FA 2nd Round tie, Dorchester found their full-time opponents too strong.

Although Dorchester harried Luton

from the start they fell behind when striker Jon Shaw neatly headed a long ball forward inside to JJ O'Donnell who turned a drove a right foot 25 yard drive just inside Jason Matthews' right hand post.

The Magpies task was even greater six minutes later with Shaw once aging the provider, heading the ball into Dan Walker's path who strode on before neatly sidestepping Matthew's dive on the edge of the box to slide the ball into an empty net.

Dorchester were desperate to get back in the game, and Dean Brill, who replaced Dorchester's nemesis Mark Tyler who had almost single handedly denied them in the first two games, proved just as frustrating by turning striker Richard Logan's header over the bar.

Dorchester then claimed that a defender had handled Lewis Morgan's shot.

Dorchester continued to seek a breakthrough and Logan had a good opportunity early in the second half when he raced onto the ball after Alex Lawless was caught out by a long ball, but the former Grecian shot straight at the retreating Brill.

### a bridge too far

Luton tied the game up on 69 minutes with a third goal. Adam Watkins played Walker in behind Smeeton and the young midfielder rounded Matthews once again to score.

Dorchester finally got a goal for their endeavours when substitute Dan Thompson scored a spectacular goal, volleying home on the run at full stretch after a wonderful run down the right by Jake Gosling.

It was perhaps a bridge too far for the Magpies who with three games over eight days have competed well.

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